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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for the Title IIA Statewide Technical Assistance Center Grants

In June 2012, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) received a new cycle of Title IIA funding from the U.S. Department of Education, including substantial funding for statewide activities. The MDE intends to use a portion of the Title IIA statewide activity funds to support public school districts and public school academies in developing the capacity, through professional development, to initiate, implement, sustain, and evaluate innovative models of effective teaching practices that achieve "any time, any place, any way, any pace" learning.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for the Title IIA Statewide Technical Assistance Center Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 24, 2012.

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Criteria for the Title IIA Statewide Technical Assistance Center Grants

**PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT**

The State Board of Education has adopted as its goal "Continue developing an effective and equitable performance-based system that achieves academic growth and successful outcomes for all students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

**PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT**

☒ Competitive    ☐ Formula    ☒ New    ☐ Continuation    (*check all that apply*)

In his April 27, 2011 special message on education reform, Governor Rick Snyder called for great emphasis to be placed on implementing innovative models of effective teaching practice. The State Board of Education echoed the Governor's call by adopting as its goal, "Improved Student Achievement Through Innovation," to support "any time, any place, any way, any pace" initiatives that help schools to personalize learning for every student and implement the Common Core Career and College Ready Standards.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is seeking to support public school districts and public school academies in developing the capacity, through professional development, to initiate, implement, sustain, and evaluate innovative models of effective teaching practice that achieve "any time, any place, any way, any pace" learning.

The U.S. Congress through the U.S. Department of Education provides the MDE with Title IIA statewide activity funds to conduct professional development activities in support of the Title IIA program goals. To this end, the MDE intends to award up to \$1.2 million in Title IIA statewide activity funds for the purpose of establishing one or more capacity building initiatives to provide this assistance.

Title II, Part A provides "State Activities" funds to State agencies to support improvements in the recruitment, hiring, training, and retention of their teaching force. Consistent with State law, State agencies can exercise significant discretion and authority in how Local Educational Agencies improve the overall quality of their teachers. All activities pursued, however, must be grounded in scientifically based research.

## **CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved   N/A  

- ☐ Defined in Statute      ☐ Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder      ☒ Proposed by Staff

Title IIA Statewide Capacity Building Grants will fund the following activities that support public school districts and public school academies in developing the capacity through professional development to:

- Initiate, implement, sustain, and evaluate innovative models of effective teaching practice that achieve "any time, any place, any way, any pace" learning,
- Become technologically ready to implement online growth assessments from the Smarter Balanced Consortium by 2014-15,
- Implement rigorous Common Core state standards, "Early 4" initiatives, and similar educational improvement programs,
- Evaluate innovative practices for the purpose of recommending effective practice to public school districts and public school academies.

## **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT**

The following educational entity's and organizations are eligible to apply for this grant:

- Intermediate school districts and at least one public school district and/or public school academy,
- Organizations in partnership with at least one intermediate school district and at least one public school district and/or public school academy,
- Added consideration will be given to applicants that propose external partnerships and articulate plans for sustainability beyond grant funding.

## **TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Up to \$1,200,000

## **STATUTE**

Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, Title II, Part A.

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